

Kansas SIEC
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2017

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the Eisenhower Conference Room, NGA, Topeka, KS

Members present.

Col. Chris Stratmann, Jay Coverdale, Robert McLemore, Phil Wittmer, Mark Dodd, Ellen Wernicke, Dick Heitschmidt, Steven Zeller, Kerry McCue, Cole Presley, Darren Miller.

Members Randall White, Dick Heitschmidt and Michelle Abbott called into the conference line.

Others present.

Jason Bryant, Craig Divoll, Derek Voorhis, Bob Brown (OITS), James Lundsted (DHS/OEC), Scott Ekberg (Ks 911 Coord. Council), Clay Adams (KDOT), Jonathan York (KDEM), Deb Edwards (KS Fiber & NG911 Security), Jim Oehm (KHP).

Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Robert McLemore, Chairman, SIEC, at 1000hrs.

Discussion/Action Items.

Jason Bryant opened with introductions of members then informed the group of the new KOEC training hire, Adam Chriss, who will begin work on 17 July 2017. Jason then gave an overall update on broadband and an overview of the fires that had taken place as well as financing information and information the COWs. Jason turned the floor over to Chair Robert McLemore to discuss the FirstNet State Plan.

FirstNet Public Safety Broadband

Robert explained his disappointment w/the State Plan and what steps needed to be taken next to address the primary issue of cost concerns. Phil Wittmer was given the floor to read an email he had received from AT&T/FirstNet, in which AT&T attempted to address the issues brought forward by the SIEC and the Broadband Review Team. The group agreed that the answers given were not sufficient. Phil then referred back to his "Four" questions in reference to the email he had received in regards to an "opt-in" or "opt-out" solution.

The group then began discussing options for issuance of a State RFP and other options. Robert asked for the group to take a vote on the pursuance of an RFP. During discussion at 1145 the vote was put on a temporary hold for further discussion as Phil deemed it necessary to gather more information. Prior to a

vote. Jason moved to discussing the State Plan Evaluation points the FirstNet Public Portal and the overall value of FirstNet to the state. Group broke for working lunch at 1200hrs. Colonel Christopher Stratmann gave an update on the special committees.

KSICS Update

Robert asked for an update on the KSICS RFP. KDOT representative gave the update.

SIEC as a whole discussed expanding the working group committee, vote was taken and motioned passed with no objections or further discussion.

DHS Update

DHS representative James Lundsted gave an update for the DHS in Kansas.

FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Con't

At 1320 a motion was put forward by Cole Presley for the SIEC to pursue an issuance of an RFP for the state. Captain Zeller KS HP, seconded the motion. Mark Dodd discussed with the group his opinion and raised objections to pursuing an RFP. Jay Coverdale also gave his opinion. A vote was taken on the motion after discussion was complete. Yeas – 4, Nays – 7: Motion Does not Pass

At 1340 Mark Dodd moved to recommend to the State SPOC (Phil Wittmer) to renegotiate the current issues with AT&T/FirstNet in regards to the State Plan, giving a three week timeframe for an acceptable response and if no response was forthcoming within the timeline, the group would reconvene to discuss options. Vote taken – Yeas-10, Nays-0, Abstain-1: Vote passed

Next Meeting

Group agreed to a conference call as the next meeting to be held 18 July 2017

Adjourn.

Robert dismissed the group, no motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert McLemore", written over a horizontal line.

Robert McLemore, Chairperson

Cole Presley, Vice Chairperson